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As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original and first inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention described in the specification entitled METHOD, APPARATUS AND ARTICLE-OF-MANUFACTURE FOR THE CREATION, ISSUANCE, VALUATION/PRICING, TRADING AND EXERCISE OF OPTIONS FOR ATTENDANCE RIGHTS, AND DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS THEREON, attached hereto. I further state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

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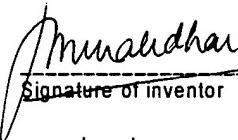
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